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A Special Air Force plane will be leaving Andrews

at 10:00 a.m. tomorrow morning for Kabul to pick up Ambassador Dub's remains. His widow, Mary Ann, several other relatives, Charles O'Keefe and Department representatives will be on the flight. The plane is scheduled to return to Andrews at 12:20 p.m. Sunday. We are still working on arrangements for a special memorial service to be held on Tuesday morning at 10:00 a.m. (at Arlington Cemetery preceding the Ambassador's burial there)

The Afghan police have told us that they did not start the shooting and rushed the room where the Ambassador was being held only after hearing a shot from within the room. Our Embassy though believes the Afghan authorities deliberately disregarded our requests to delay the raid and that civilian Soviet Advisors were intimately involved in preparing and conducting the raid.

We still know very little about the terrorist group. According to the DRA, their stated motive was to use the Ambassador as a hostage to secure the release of an unknown political prisoner. By kidnapping the American Ambassador, they may have been attempting to gain publicity and support for their cause. Kabul Radio reported that all four terrorists had been killed.

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Although we have seen no texts, we understand Afghan President Taraki and Deputy Prime Minister Amin have sent condolence messages to you and Secretary Vance. The Afghan Embassy here has expressed its sympathy and among other gestures has lowered its flag to half staff.

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